IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In reapplication of: SHENOY et al

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When Transmitting Layer-3 Datagrams

on a Layer-2 Network

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Amendment and Response to Final Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 12/22/2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks accompanying the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Remarks begin at page number 2 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No.: 20-0674.